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Re: U.S. Application No. 09/574,946
Filed: May 19, 2000
Title: ***Methods and Compositions for Regulated
Transcription and Expression of Heterologous
Genes***
Applicants: Christine K. SHEWMAKER *et al.*
Atty. Docket: 16518.050

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. an Amendment and Reply to the Official Action dated October 25, 2002; and
2. a return postcard.

Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16518.050. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

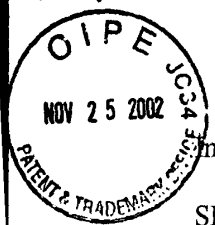
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Amendment and Reply to the Official Action Dated October 25, 2002

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Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed on October 25, 2002 (paper no. 12),

Applicants provide the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments

In the Specification:

In the Specification at page 1, following the title please insert the following sentence:

This application is a reissue application of U.S. patent application No. 08/105,852 filed August 10, 1993, now U.S. patent 5,753,475, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 07/526,123 filed May 21, 1990 which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 07/267,685 filed Nov. 2, 1988 (now abandoned) which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 06/692,605 filed Jan. 17, 1985 (now abandoned); this application is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 07/582,241 filed Sep. 14, 1990, now abandoned, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 07/188,361 filed Apr. 29, 1988 (abandoned) which is a continuation-in-part of